

# Waitangi Day

6 February

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## Waitangi Day – Rā o Waitangi – is the biggest event held in the Far North attracting thousands of visitors.

Waitangi Day is New Zealand's national day, commemorating the first signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The treaty is the country's founding document with ongoing significance to Aotearoa's identity, history and the relationship between Māori and the British Crown.

During Waitangi Week this year up to 100,000 people are expected to visit the area. Crowds will build from Monday 3 February with Waitangi Day celebrated on Friday 6 February.

To help the week run smoothly, free visitor parking will be available at three sites at Haruru. Free buses will operate each day, shuttling visitors to and from Waitangi. Roads around Waitangi Treaty Grounds will be closed except for residents, exhibitors and emergency services.

See below for more information.



## Road closures and transit detail

### Legend

- High traffic route
- Road section closed
- Road section closed (open to residents only)
- Car parking
- 4WD parking
- No camping
- Public shuttle bus
- Russell-Waitangi-Paihia ferry service (from 7am)
- Accessibility access
- Wheelchair access

Waitangi Shuttle bus / accessibility bus drop-off / pickup

Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Copthorne Hotel

Waitangi Wharf

Te Tii Marae

Te Kema Ave

Te Kurawha Pde

Davis Crescent

NO CAMPING AREA

Paihia

### Getting there

To keep roads around Waitangi clear, visitors are asked to access event parking by taking SH11 from Puketona roundabout (SH10 between Pakaraka and Kerikeri). This route takes you directly to carparks and shuttle buses at Haruru. Cars illegally parked at Waitangi will be towed.

### Shuttle buses

Buses will run 3 to 6 February from event car parks at Haruru, starting one hour before events begin and finishing at 6pm. Parking and buses are free.

**Shuttle bus timetable — 3 to 6 Feb:**  
Bledisloe to Tau Henare Dr; ITM to Te Kurawha Pd.

### Ferry sailings from Russell

Northland Ferries will include a Waitangi stop on the Russell to Paihia run 6 February (fares apply).

### Camping

Please book accommodation at commercial camp sites or other providers. There is no camping available on reserves at Waitangi or Paihia.

For more information go to [www.fndc.govt.nz](http://www.fndc.govt.nz) or freephone 0800 920 029